

The non-amphetamine, anti-obesity products have received far fewer mentions in DAWN than the amphetamines, Ritalin, or Preludin. The anorectics are reported primarily from crisis centers as opposed to emergency rooms or medical examiners. Over 75% of the incidents involve legal prescriptions as the source. As with the amphetamines, the suggestion is implicit that significant numbers of physicians are prescribing and dispensing well over their patients' actual medical needs.

Mr. Chairman, Benjamin Gordon of the subcommittee staff has asked DEA for a more detailed report on one non-amphetamine anorectic, Ionamin. I have been told that Mr. Gordon's concern with this substance is not based on any known significant differences between Ionamin and most of the other non-amphetamine anorectics. Rather Mr. Gordon's concern is predicated on the past history of the Pennwalt Corporation, manufacturer and distributor of Ionamin.

In May 1971, as earlier noted, Pennwalt requested a hearing on the proposed transfer of its amphetamine product, Biphetamine, from Schedule III